



**The City of National City**

April 4, 2013

**RE: NOTICE OF IMPACT OF FEDERAL SEQUESTRATION BUDGET CUTS ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE)**

Dear Landlords/Participants:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about Federal Sequestration impacts to the Housing Authority of the City of National City's (HACNC) Housing Choice Voucher program that took effect April 1, 2013.

The Sequestration cut to the Housing Choice Voucher Program (also known as Section 8) comes after five years of inadequate and declining program funding. Nationally, it is estimated that the Sequestration may seriously impact more than 300,000 families. At the local level, HACNC estimates that the cut will require us to terminate voucher contracts to approximately 115 families from our Housing Choice Voucher Program.

We do not expect to cancel any voucher contracts that are currently in place at this time. We intend to reduce the number of voucher holder households we serve through the process of attrition, i.e. as participants leave the program over the next few months, we will not reissue the vouchers that they return to us. In addition, we are reducing our subsidy standard or the number of bedrooms issued to eligible families to 2 persons per bedroom regardless of relationship, age or gender. For example, a single parent with one child who is currently eligible to a 2-bedroom voucher will now only be eligible to a 1-bedroom voucher. As a participant, this change will result in an increase in your rent portion. As always, service and continued assistance to current program participants is our first priority and we will work to ensure that we are able to provide both service and rental assistance to as many eligible households as possible.

***What this means to you as a landlord, participant or applicant household:***

**Again, we do not expect to cancel any existing Housing Assistance Payment Contracts.** Unfortunately, with Sequestration and other federal budget issues, HACNC does not have the funding to continue to issue new vouchers for the foreseeable future and to continue assistance at the current level. We will be carefully monitoring the federal budget cuts and the actual impacts to our agency.

If you are concerned about this situation, please do not call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) who contract with us to operate the program. Unfortunately, this issue is outside of their control, just as it is outside our control. Any fixes must be decided by Congress and signed by the President. If you have any questions, or would like to understand this issue as it affects you, we recommend that you contact your U.S. Congressional representative directly.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact your Housing Specialist.

Sincerely,

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY

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